

DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTH WORKING PARTY ON ECOSYSTEMS AND BYCATCH

16 September 2012

Date: 17–19 September 2012

Location: 15 On Orange Hotel

15 Orange Street, Cape Town, South Africa

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 daily

Chair: Dr. Charles Anderson; **Vice-Chair:** Dr. Evgeny Romanov

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chair)
3. **OUTCOMES OF THE FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** (Secretariat)
4. **OUTCOMES OF SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION**
 - Outcomes of the Sixteenth Session of the Commission (Secretariat)
 - Review of Conservation and Management Measures relating to Ecosystems and Bycatch (Secretariat)
5. **PROGRESS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF WPEB07** (Chair)
6. **REVIEW OF NATIONAL PLANS OF ACTION (SHARKS AND SEABIRDS)** (Secretariat)
7. **REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME – Update** (Secretariat)
8. **SHARKS**
 - 8.1 Review of data available at the secretariat for sharks (Secretariat)
 - 8.2 New information on the biology, stock structure, bycatch mitigation measures, fisheries and associated environmental data (all)
 - 8.3 Stock status indicators for sharks (all)
 - Ecological Risk Analysis: review of current knowledge and potential management implications
 - Other indicators (e.g. CPUE analysis)
 - 8.4 Development of technical advice on the status of the shark stocks (all)
 - Update of shark species Executive Summaries for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (all)
 - 8.5 Review of data needs and way forward for the evaluation of shark stocks (all)
9. **MARINE TURTLES**
 - 9.1 Review of data available at the secretariat for marine turtles (Secretariat)
 - 9.2 New information on the biology, stock structure, bycatch mitigation measures, fisheries and associated environmental data (all)
 - 9.3 Stock status indicators for marine turtles (all)
 - Ecological Risk Analysis: review of current knowledge and potential management implications
 - Other indicators
 - 9.4 Development of management advice for marine turtles (all)
 - 9.5 Update of marine turtle species Executive Summary for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (all)
10. **OTHER BYCATCH, BYPRODUCT AND ECOSYSTEM ISSUES**
 - 10.1 Seabirds (all)
 - 10.2 Marine mammals (all)
 - 10.3 Depredation (all)
 - 10.4 Other taxa (all)
 - 10.5 Ecosystem issues (all)
11. **RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRIORITIES**
 - 11.1 Revision of the WPEB work plan (Chair)

12. OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.1 Development of priorities for an Invited Expert/s at the next Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch meeting (Chair)
- 12.2 Date and place of the Ninth Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch (Chair and Secretariat)
- 12.3 Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the Eighth Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch (Chair)